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Busy autumn for U-Links and Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch

U-Links, with funding support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Trent University, the Great Lakes Local Action Fund and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, launched the Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch (WWEW) program in 2019. This is a community-driven, multi-partner effort to support the development and implementation of practical and effective tools to address gaps in knowledge about lake and forest health in

Haliburton County. U-Links hopes that WWEW will enable broader awareness, commitment and action at local and regional levels when it comes to aquatic and terrestrial health.

Autumn is a busy time for U-Links WWEW, and the fall of 2021 was no exception. An exciting development was the first-time offering of a new course at Trent University entitled

Applied Biomonitoring. Students in this 3rd year course explore the scientific basis for biomonitoring for community clients in both aquatic and terrestrial environments. This year, 46 undergraduate students accompanied by five Trent staff and volunteers, three U-Links staff and six community volunteers participated in WWEW's annual benthic biomonitoring sampling.

On Sept. 18, they visited Kabakwa Lake, Halls Lake, and Big and Little Hawk lake and surveyed a total of 16 sites. 1,600 benthic samples were collected and will be analyzed by the students over the winter months and then verified by U-Links staff. This data will form part of the growing dataset of lake benthic organisms and will ultimately shed light on the current and future health of local lakes.

Recently, these same 46 students established long-term forest health monitoring plots at the Dahl Forest in a number of different forest types. This terrestrial monitoring project is done in co-operation with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT).

U-Links staff also continued annual monitoring of benthic populations in the followinglakes: Twelve Mile, Little Boshkung, Gull, Haliburton, Bob, Grace, Upper Stoney and Miskwabi.

They were assisted by six additional undergraduate students from Trent. Additionally, on Gull Lake, two students undertook an additional assessment of a local wetland, looking to identify species at risk and significant animal and bird habitat. The lake associations for these lakes are thanked for their time and financial contributions.

U-Links also operates in the social, cultural and economic sectors in Haliburton County and is pleased to announce the launch of a project entitled "Eating Disorders in Rural Communities". A fourth-year Trent University student, Sarah Moret, has been recruited to undertake this project as a fourth-year Honours thesis; she will be advised by Dr. Naomi Nichols, who holds a Canada Research Chair in Community-Partnered Social Justice in the Department of Sociology at Trent University.

U-Links maintains an ongoing list of diverse community-based research projects and is always looking to recruit students from Trent and Sir Sandford Fleming College to participate in these.

Amanda Porter, Field Research Associate, measuring tree height at the Dahl Forest with a clinometer. / Photo credit Josh Solti, U-Links

Some of these projects include summarizing current scientific information on the five-lined skink, Ontario's only native species of lizard, a historical evaluation of the Canoe FM building, which was used as a Red Cross outpost in years gone by, the health benefits of enviroplastering and an additional number of lake benthic assessments.

Most U-Links projects are undertaken by undergraduate students from Trent and Fleming. However, U-Links also works with its partners in Graduate Research, which results in the student receiving a higher degree (M.Sc., Ph.D.). Currently, U-Links worked to partner Abbey Gardens and Trent University on a project involving soil amendments to rehabilitate a historical gravel pit. We are also involved in a project with the Haliburton County Paramedic Services, which will help evaluate the impact of their Community Paramedicine for Long Term Care Program. The program leverages the skills of paramedics to provide additional care to seniors and to lower the incidence of seniors using emergency services.

For additional information on how U-Links can help your organization or business get answers to important social, economic, cultural and environmental questions, contact Sadie Fischer, Environmental Program Coordinator (environmental@ulinks.ca) or Andy Gordon, Director (director@ulinks.ca).

Submitted by U-Links Staff

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Cracking garlic

Planting garlic. / Photos submitted by Haliburton County Master Gardeners

Planting garlic 'here in the Haliburton Highlands'

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Our growing season is not long and therefore by planting in the fall, roots are given a chance to develop before the cloves go to sleep in the freezing soil. As the soil warms in the spring, the clove, still cold, is stimulated to sprout and develop into a bulb. Since the roots have already started in the previous fall, the cloves get a head start on the new growing season.

Site – a sunny location (eight to 10 hours), loose crumbly soil so the roots can penetrate deep for the nutrients and water.

Soil prep – work year old manure or compost into the top four to five inches of the planting bed. Raised beds are preferable, three to four feet wide for easy access from either side of the bed. Length of the bed will depend on your space and how much you wish to harvest.

Planting – Source fresh, local garlic for planting. It will be primed to Haliburton's growing conditions. Separate the cloves from the stem, protecting the root base, so each clove has a root base for new growth.

Tips up! Always!

Plant in holes or trench prepared four inches deep and six feet apart.

Cover and tamp down gently to bring soil into contact with cloves. After a good frost and before the ground freezes, it is recommended to apply a mulch of six inches to the planted garlic bed. Spoiled hay, straw or chopped up leaves can be used to cover and protect the cloves from heaving and cold weather damage.

Submitted by Debbie Barnhart,
Haliburton County Master Gardener and President of Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association Haliburton

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When: Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: virtually, on Zoom: Please go to www.environmenthaliburton.org to register.
What: A presentation about COP26, why it is important and a talk by Marc Lee, Senior Economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives about why planning to mitigate climate change by using the concept of Net Zero is a dangerous plan.
Cost: donation if able

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Trees rusting beneath iron Sky,
Wind puckering the skin of Lake,
prowling through the reeds, hunching their spines,
yellowed as the pages of an old letter,
its sender, alive, in its lines.
A heron drops from the Air, as if out of nowhere,
startling my thoughts into stillness,
the curve of its neck, the bend of its beak,
pecking at something invisible in the reeds,
its arrival, a gift, that soothes my brooding,
its grace, as it skirts the shore,
before its wings swoop back up,
scissoring through the Air,
landing in another thatch of reeds farther along the shore.
I watch, but I can't really see, the heron's feathers blending in with the reeds.
I slink off the dock, its planks creaking,
turning to drink in the hills one more time,
their trees, molting leaves, of bronze and russet and gold.
I walk along the path that hugs the shore, curving like the heron's neck,
past the willows whose girth is shrinking,
their tresses dangling limp as string from their limbs,
the crowns of maples blazing red,
the spokes of their branches, sparking like firecrackers,
searing the Air with leaves that flutter and twirl,
before they land on the grass or path,
pooling in a puddle of other leaves.
I pause on the path, just to watch them all,
floating in slow motion through the Air,
like notes of silent music,
hearing the sound of one of them land,
its edge scraping the path.
I scoop it up by its stem, twirling it between my fingers as I walk,
wondering whether the heron is still foraging in the reeds,
or has swooped back up into the Air, passing stray leaves,
as Wind hurls them on their journey,
far from the nest of their tree.

Sylvie Kalenda

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Sing Along with Coco Love Alcorn

The Haliburton County Folk Society is happy to present singer/songwriter and choir leader, Coco Love Alcorn in concert on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 at 7:30 p.m.

That same afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. Coco will lead a workshop where she will teach songs, lead improvisation exercises, and demonstrate how non-scary and fun songwriting can be!

This gifted singer's career has spanned more than 20 years, 12 (nine solo) albums, cross-Canada tours, collaborations, festival appearances, award nominations, and notable success in TV and film licensing. Coco has toured with Canadian legends, Burton Cummings, Chantal Kreviazuk, Jesse Cook and Ani DiFranco and has been a featured performed at Lilith Fair.

Coco's stunning voice combines diverse musical influences including jazz, R&B, pop, folk, and Gospel. Her playful and witty character, love of improvising, and willingness to engage fearlessly with the audience has made Alcorn an established presence on the Canadian music scene.

Coco Love Alcorn's performances feature sing along music that she invites audience participate in forming a mass choir that fills the room. Coco believes this brings a togetherness to the show and her spontaneous voice coaching unifies the audience.

Alcorn won the 2021 Canadian Folk Music Award winner for Contemporary Singer of the Year.

Tickets for the workshop, show and additional information can be found at the Haliburton County Folk Society website: https://www.HaliburtonFolk.com.

Please note for the safety of all patrons this concert is restricted to those that are fully vaccinated.

Vaccination proof and government issued ID must be produced for entry on the night of the event. Masks must be worn at all times except when seated with your group.

Coco Love Alcorn, winner of the Contemporary Singer of the Year Award at the 2021 Canadian Folk Music Awards to perform at Haliburton Legion Nov. 13 . / PHOTO SUBMITTED

If you would like to sit with other people that you are not buying tickets for, please provide that information in the comments section of your order. Seating will be allocated based on purchase date.

There will not be tickets available at the door. More information about Coco Love Alcorn at https://cocolovealcorn.com/home.

Tickets, memberships, and information can be found at www.haliburtonfolk.com.

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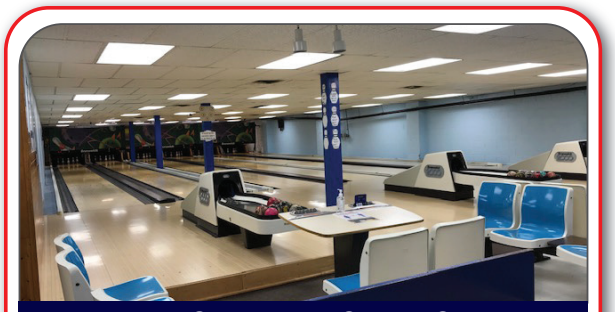

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Share the warmth keeping individuals warm

ON COLD WINTER days Thomas Smith still feels warm thanks to a free coat he received a few years ago. An employee at Haliburton Foodland, Smith moved to the Highlands from Cambridge and heard about the Share the Warmth giveaway at the right time in his life.

"At that point in time I didn't have a job. I had just moved up here and only had a fall jacket and I didn't have any money to spend on a new coat," he said. He hasn't forgotten about how this community's generosity benefited him. "It got me through and I still have it," Smith says about the coat he received during the Share the Warmth giveaway that year. He hopes to donate his coat back one day.

Share the Warmth is an annual event organized by SIRCH Community Services. Last year, 1,450 pieces of good, used winter wear were donated! Volunteers checked and sorted the items. Then coats, snow pants, socks, boots, hats, mitts, scarves and other winter accessories for men, women and children were given away from two different sites in the county on a particular day.

In Haliburton County the HKPR District Health Unit estimates that approximately 25 per cent of local children live in poverty, meaning new winter gear may not be an option for them. It is more important than ever to help those who are vulnerable stay warm.

The SIRCH Sixth Annual 2021 Share the Warmth event is starting this week. If you have items you would like to donate, please ensure they are clean, in proper working order and are void of stains, rips and other signs of extreme wear.

Bring your donations, between Oct. 18 and Oct. 30 to one of these drop off locations:

Minden drop off at: Easton's Valu-Mart, Dollo's Foodland, St. Paul's Anglican Church

Haliburton drop off at: Park's Foodland, Todd's Independent, SIRCH Community Services, Algonquin Outfitters

SIRCH Share the Warmth Distribution Day is Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Haliburton pick up location: Lakeside Baptist Church

Minden pick up location: St. Paul's Anglican Church (capacity of 6 inside at a time)

Masks must be worn, but SIRCH is not requiring vaccine passports.

Everything will be available free of charge.

SIRCH Executive Director Gena Robertson believes this initiative is just another example of neighbours helping neighbours in whatever way they can.

"It is so heartwarming to hear stories like the one Thomas shared, about how a simple gesture of receiving a coat has left a lasting impact," she said. "We have seen so much generosity in the past when it comes to Share the Warmth and we are hopeful this year will be no different." She is particularly appreciative of the many stores that collect the winter clothing on SIRCH's behalf.

Smith is grateful to SIRCH for their ongoing support of the community. "They will give you some sort of connection on where you can get help. They're very helpful in that way," he said. "They are a great resource for the community." He would recommend the Share the Warmth giveaway to anyone who might be in need of winter gear.

Share The Warmth volunteers organize donated items at the fifth annual giveaway held in November 2020. Organized by SIRCH Community Services, Share the Warmth is an annual winter gear clothing drive that distributes coats, boots, hats, gloves and more for free in Haliburton and Minden. /Submitted

Submitted

Top 10 reasons for before and after photos

IF YOU GO on social media, you will probably run into a few of your friends posting before and after photos. Contrary to what you are thinking, there is probably a good reason for this. Here are the top 10 that come to mind.

1. So your lawyer can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that you were not the "mysterious gymnast" in the case of the flying pickpocket.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

2. So the kids on social media know what you looked like before you really let yourself go.
3. As a constant reminder that you didn't get the all-important "during" photo.
4. To show everyone that while age has been kind to you, your cycling shorts have not.
5. Comes in handy when you are suing the barbecue company for eyebrow loss.
6. As a public service, to deter people your age from taking up pole dancing.
7. It's complicated, but it has to do with your time travel theory.
8. Just in case the steroid company needs a spokesperson.
9. To demonstrate how your wizard costume has evolved over the years.
10. To remind everyone what you looked like before the mask mandate.

A tiny painted turtle near Partridge Lake./ Submitted by Lars Olson of Algonquin Highlands

Companions and comfort

KATE BUTLER

Special to *County Life*

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of pets in many people's lives has taken on a new importance. Some have adopted new pets, while others have had the opportunity to spend more time with their pets, while staying close to home. For many, pets have provided comfort during these unusual times, but that's nothing new. It's easy to think of domestic animals as historically having a task to do to earn their keep, whether it's dogs herding sheep, cats keeping mice at bay or horses providing transportation, but even when and where that was true, animals have also long played another equally important role – that of companions.

Over 800 years ago, a Chinese poet by the name of Lu You traded a bag of salt for a cat, because he was having issues with rats nibbling on the books in his library. This seems to have been the first of several cats in his life. They provided comfort during a time of war and were 'as valiant as the soldiers slaying enemies on the battlefield' in vanquishing the rats and mice, but before long, the cats seemed to be ruling in the roost. In terms familiar to many people with cats in the 21st century, a later poem refers to a cat acting as if he 'live[d] within palace walls'.

Pets may not appear in poems from Haliburton's history, but there can be no doubt about the important roles they played for families in the area and the influence they sometimes wielded. Most of the evidence actually comes from historic photos. One of my favourites is a formal family photo of early Dysart settlers William and Margaret Gainforth and their seven grown children. In the front row, one of the five chairs has been usurped by one of the family dogs, who sits there bold as brass, ensuring that five people will have to stand in the row behind. Another dog lays sheepishly between William and Margaret's feet, likely wondering how he let the other dog get to the chair first.

John Albert Lucas (1860-1945) and a kitten submitted by Kate Butler Hastings Highlands Museum

The Lucas family, who for many decades owned the Grand Central Hotel on Highland Street in Haliburton, were well-known as animal lovers. Their pets appear in photos from both the hotel and their later family home at the corner of Maple and Mountain. In one, a cat seems to 'supervise' while John Albert Lucas receives a haircut from his son, while in another, a kitten rests in the hotel proprietor's lap, while he and his wife Annie enjoy a rare moment of downtime on the hotel's second floor balcony.

The Clarke family, who lived on Highland Street, were also clearly animal lovers. Daughter Dorothy, in particular, seems to have a soft spot for cats. One photo, which I love, shows her at Haliburton's railway station in the early 1910s, holding a young calico cat. Whether it was a cat whose main job was to catch mice around the station isn't clear, but Dorothy's delight in it is.

Unfortunately, the names of many family pets from our community's history weren't recorded, even when they appear in these sorts of photos, and unlike human ancestors, they can't be tracked down through a genealogy website! Knowing what we do about the role pets have long played in providing comfort and companionship, it makes sense that they should be noted. So, on behalf of future historians, I encourage you to include pets and their stories whenever you make notes about family history. Who knows, perhaps in 800 years, someone will be writing a newspaper article that tells the story of you and your pet!

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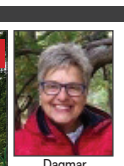

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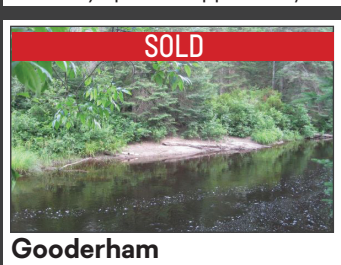

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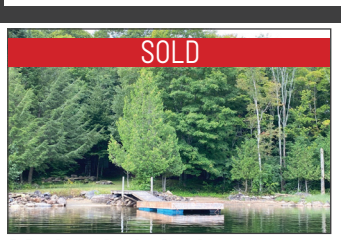

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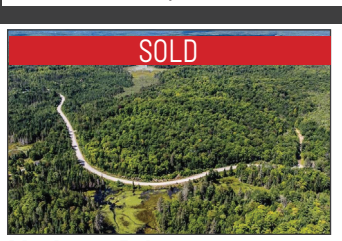
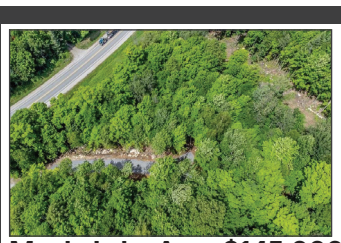


Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Harburn Rd
- 17 vacant lots over 47acres
- 1.91 acres to 4.92 acres
- Registered Plan of Subdivision
- Close to town



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

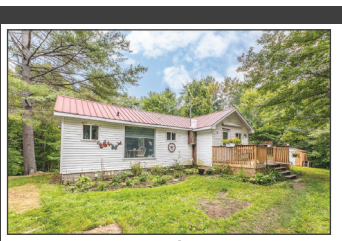
Maple Lake Area $145,000
- 5.01 acres, close to Green & Beech Lk
- Several building sites, driveway in

Kelly Kay*
705-457-6841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Long Lake $799,000
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths home/cottage
- Unfinished basement w/walkout
- Bunkie, stairs to waterfront
- 2-lake chain w/Miskwabi

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Gooderham Home $559,000
- Stylish modern home with 2 levels finished
- Garage/Shop
- On a quiet street

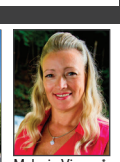


Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

Buckslide Rd $295,000
- 530 sf home on 1 acre
- Municipal road & Privacy
- Close to 3 boat launches

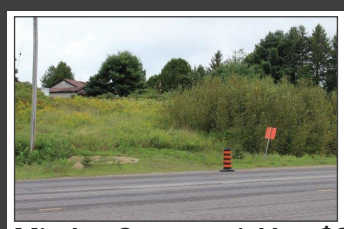
Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Miskwabi Lake
- 2274sf, 4-bedroom, 2 bath, built 2006
- Open concept, floor-ceiling stone FP
- Sand/rock shoreline, 2 lake chain
- Great privacy & WEST exposure



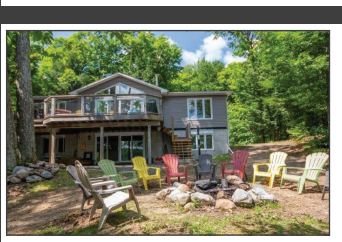
Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

County Road 21 $750,000
- Commercial property in Haliburton
- Prime corner location, 1.5 acres
- Rental house as an added feature
- Sale includes land, & building



Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 225

Minden Commercial Lot $229,900
- Excellent location with maximum exposure
- Commercial zoning with many possible uses
- Investment or your own business



Andrea Wilson**
705-457-6694

Kennisis Lake $1,600,000
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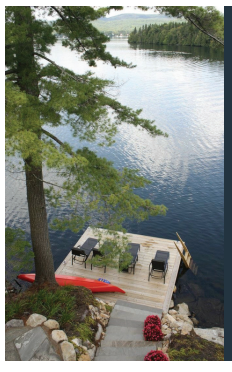

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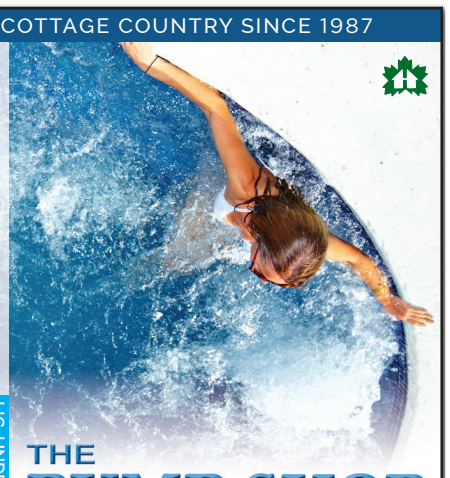

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Dr. Harry E. Good

1988 Highlander chosen

Dr. Harry E. Good has been named the 1988 Highlander of the Year. The award was made Wednesday evening at the annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, held at Wig-a-Mog Inn.

The introduction of this year's recipient of the annual award was made by Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. He told the audience Dr. Good had been chosen for the award because of his contribution as a medical practicioner and, "for giving generously of himself, his talents and for sharing his gains with the community."

Among the numerous achievements cited in presenting the award, was Dr. Good's ongoing concern for the physical and emotional well-being of the citizens of the community. "He has been a constant supporter of the Haliburton Hospital and provided financial and moral support for the new addition," Fearrey said. "For 30 years he has been available night and day for medical, emotional or any other help he can give."

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1988 Highlander of the Year, Dr. Harry E. Good, is presented with a plaque by Dysart et al Reeve Fearrey at the annual gathering of the Haliburton Highland Chamber of Com merce, Wednesday.

Glass shares water concerns

Candidates face off

Free trade may be the dominant issue on a national level in this federal election campaign, but when the local candidates visit Haliburton County there is no escaping the fact that people want answers to the water levels problem.

Three of the candidates who hope to replace Bill Scott as the Victoria - Haliburton Member of Parliament fielded a variety of questions from area media representatives during a debate at the Dysart Community Centre last Wednesday evening. But it was plain to see by the reaction of the audience that the main reason they had come out that night was to hear what the candidates are going to do to solve the problem of fluctuating water levels in Haliburton's lakes.

The small audience paid passive attention as candidates Bruce Glass (Liberal), Cathy Vainio (NDP) and Archie Dobbins (Commonwealth of Canada) addressed the issues of taxes, free trade and abortion. But when the question of dealing with water levels was put to the candidates, there was a quick shuffling of chairs as people sat forward to listen.

Glass, who is representing the Liberals in his second election run, proved to be well versed on this issue. Vainio admitted a lack of understanding and Dobbins blamed it on the new computers used in the Trent-Severn Waterway.

"I'd be prepared to go to bat for you"

If elected, Glass promises to provide the necessary representation in Ottawa that has been lacking in recent years. "As your representative, I'd be prepared to go to bat for you," he said. The problem has existed for decades; "we can't keep putting it off with studies."

There have been at least three studies carried out on the problems with water levels in area lakes since the early 1960's, but the political will to finally solve the troubles has been missing. The extremely hot and dry summers of the past two years caused lake levels to plummet to new lows, while public concern has skyrocketted.

The problem, as outlined by Glass is two-fold. There is a shortage of reservoir capacity to offset flooding and drought in the top end of the Trent-Severn Waterway and there is a pollution problem which demands continuous flushing at Peterborough.

Increasing the reservoir capacity in Haliburton will be a costly venture, but Glass says the government will "have to bite the bullet and spend the money."

The problem in the lower part of the waterway is more complex. Unless strong flows are maintained, Rice Lake "will become a cess pool" from the discharges from Peterborough's sewage treatment plants. The solution here will take the co-operation of the province and the City of Peterborough to upgrade its sewage plant. He noted that the federal Liberals have promised $5-billion will be set aside for this sort

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Ride stays intact

"It takes towns like this to make this thing a success..."

The possibility of splitting next summer's Ontario Ride For Sight into two groups has been ruled out and Minden is once again being given the option of hosting the massive motorcycle extravaganza.

Rick Start, who is the national co-ordinator for the Ride, told Anson, Hindon and Minden council that he believes the Ontario chapter of this fund-raising event has "topped out" in terms of the number of people who will be participating. There were 4,400 motorcycles involved in the Ride last summer and Start is not predicting a great deal of growth for the coming year.

Start, along with the provincial chairman Sid Sollier and Gerry German, attended a recent council meeting to provide an update on the group's activities and plans for the coming year. The next Ride will mark the 10th anniversary of this event, which is designed to raise money for research into a cure for Retinitis Pigmentosis.

With the municipal election just around the corner, council was not able to provide confirmation that the municipality would accept the Ride back for another year. Council members felt this decision should be made by those who are elected on November 14.

The tentative date for next year's Ride is the weekend of June 10 and 11. Although the number of participants is expected to stay about the same, organizers will be boosting the amount of promotion for the event and have set a fundraising target of $1-million for Ontario alone. Last year, the Ontario Ride raised about $700,000.

Another reason the Ride is not being split is the fact that this is the 10th anniversary and they want to make sure it is a success. Start told council that participants enjoy coming to Minden because they know the fun they are going to have and the warm welcome from the community.

"It takes towns like this to make this thing a success right across the country," Start said. He also noted

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MOUNTAIN STREET $539,000

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GLAMORGAN ROAD $509,000

This 100+ ac off-grid Hunt Camp is abound with wildlife and beautiful vistas - there's a little something here for everyone! The property offers scenic walking trails, marshes and ponds. With Crown Land all around, this property is a gateway to thousands of acres of wildlife and a beautiful large pond on the abutting Crown acreage. Rustic yet comfortable amenities including a cistern, outhouse, grey water pit and is wired for a generator. This secluded and private property is a rare find and truly a must see.

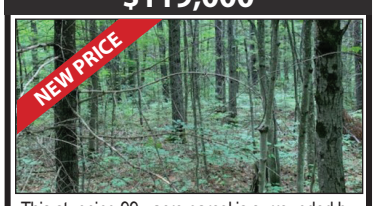
KAWAGAMA LAKE $279,000

Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

STILLS ROAD $149,000

This beautiful 1.2-acre building lot is located in the heart of Eagle Lake. Driveway installed and building site is cleared and ready for your year-round home or getaway. Many apple trees throughout the property. Stunning park-like setting. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet neighbourhood. Paved year-round municipal road. Walking distance to Eagle Lake Country market, Eagle Lake public beach and boat launch. Stop dreaming and start building your dream home or cottage.

MINDEN HILLS $119,000



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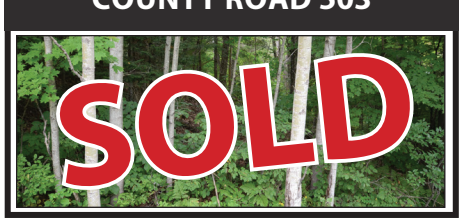

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